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The information contained in this digest reflects the activity of the 384 main libraries, 281 branch libraries and 17 bookmobiles providing public library service in Michigan. The national public library data included on pages 4 and 5 was obtained from Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2002 (NCES 2005-356). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics.

State data comprises information collected and submitted via the FY 2004/2005 Public Library Annual Report for public libraries' fiscal years completed prior to October 1, 2004.



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- There are more public libraries in Michigan than there are McDonald's restaurants – a total of 671 libraries including branches, while there are only 537 McDonald's.
- The American Library Association (ALA) has found that Public libraries receive most of their revenue from the unit of local government of which they are a part. Libraries in at least 41 states (82 percent) report funding cuts of as much as 50 percent.
- More children participate in summer reading programs at libraries than play Little League baseball.
- In Michigan last year, libraries entertained & educated 1.6 million people with Children's Programming. That's just about equal to the total accumulated attendance at home Michigan State University and University of Michigan football games last year. And just think.... the library programs were at no charge! If charged a commercial admission fee of \$3.00 per child, attendees would have paid approximately \$4.8 million.
- Reference librarians in Michigan's public libraries answer more than 7.6 million questions a year. Standing single file, the line of questioners would circle the entire state – both Upper and Lower peninsulas.

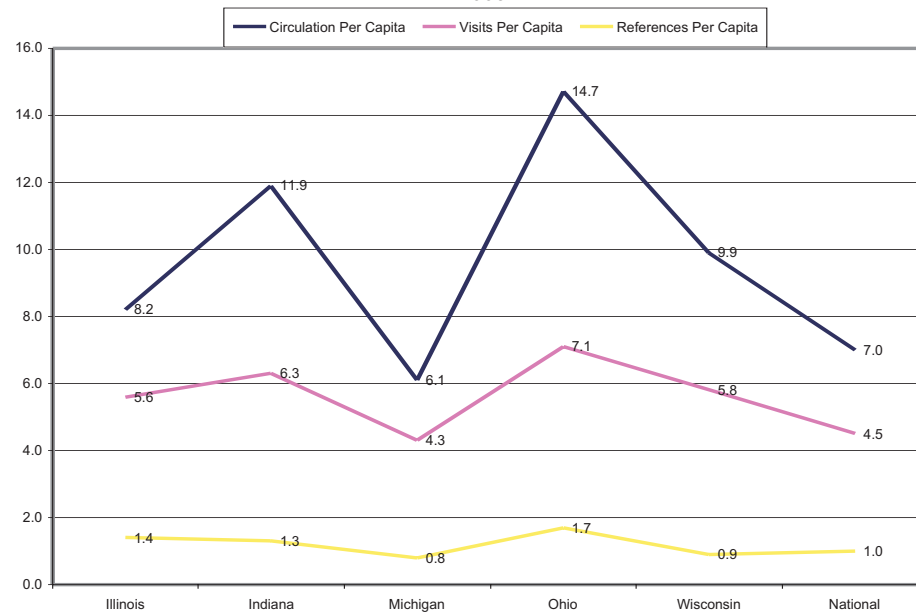
- Each Michigan resident checks out an average of six items and spends less per year in taxes for the public library than the cost of one best seller.
- More than 90% of Michigan public libraries now have automation systems, with 256 libraries offering remote access to the library catalog.
- Michigan public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without an Internet connection at home, school or work. Computers were used 9.9 million times in FY 2004. If the people who used these computers had used them for only one hour at a commercial provider (like Kinko's), they would have paid around \$12 per hour, or \$118.8 million across the state.
- Michigan residents checked out over 62 million items during fiscal year 2004. If residents had purchased these books, videos, or CDs, etc. the cost would have exceeded \$2 billion.
- Combined, Michigan public library buildings encompass nearly 7 million square feet. That's more than 5 times the size of Ford Field Football Stadium, home of the Detroit Lions NFL team.

National Comparisons*

	Michigan's Ranking	Michigan Averages	National Averages
State operating income per capita	20	\$1.21	\$3.39
Local operating income per capita	13	\$31.20	\$24.93
Total operating income per capita	17	\$35.11	\$31.18
Operating expenditures per capita	19	\$31.12	\$29.60
Reference transactions per capita	32	0.79	1.08
Books/serial volumes per capita	22	3.26	2.86
Visits per capita	31	4.32	4.58
Circulation per capita	31	6.08	7.01

*Chute, A., Kroe, E., O'Shea, P., Craig, T., Freeman, M., Hardesty, L., McLaughlin, J.F., and Ramsey, C.J. (2005). Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2003 (NCES 2005-363). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics.

**Library Services - Regional Comparisons
FY 2003***



Staying Connected in Michigan



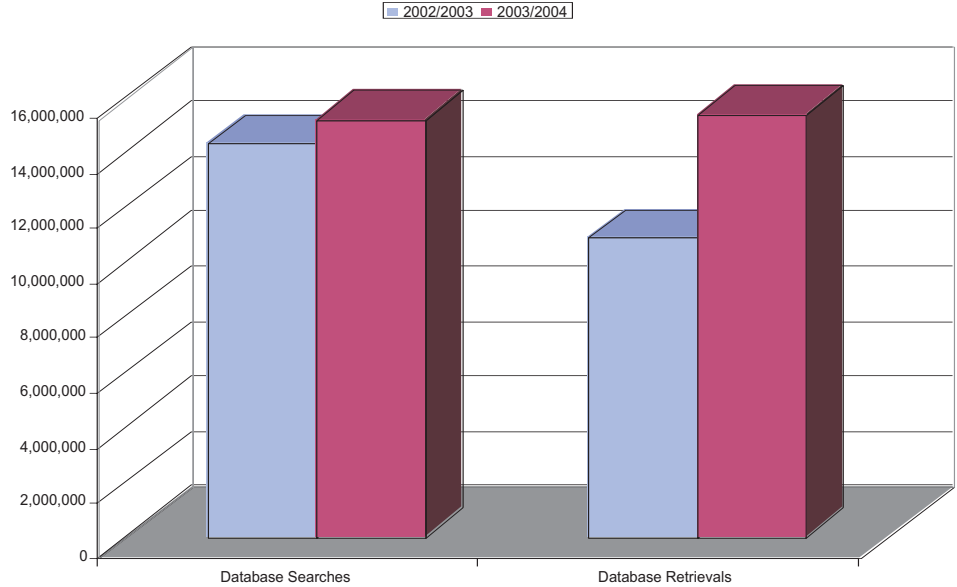
Current and cutting edge resources are in great demand, and the Library of Michigan keeps Michigan residents current by providing the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) – which boasts more than \$3.6 million worth of quality electronic resources. They are accessible from Michigan libraries, a Michigan Library Web page or from the MeL Web site (www.mel.org) using a Michigan driver's license or state ID number.

With resources from over 40 databases and content from 15,000 electronic books, indexing for 45,000 publications, 9,000 full-text journals, and over 130 full-text newspapers (over 50 million articles), Michigan's residents now have a 24-hour virtual library with material for all ages on a very wide range of topics. In addition, nearly 25,000 librarian-selected Web sites are linked via MeL.

Michiganians ordered 15,389,840 electronic articles during fiscal year 2003-2004. If charged an average commercial fee of \$3.00 per article, the cost to residents would have exceeded \$46 million.

The new MeLCat project provides Michigan residents access to a Statewide online library catalog. MeLCat Statewide delivery service assists libraries in fulfilling patron requests in record time. Nearly 10 million items are accessible through MeLCat.

Michigan e-Library Database Usage



Five Years and Counting...

Americans love libraries, and Michiganders are no exception. At a time when information and entertainment options proliferate, Michigan libraries continue to provide access to nearly anything on the Web or in print with personal assistance in the search. While technology has changed the way that some patrons interface with the library, since many services are now available through a library's Web page, the data suggests that Michigan residents are using libraries now more than ever, indicating that libraries are the core of our states information structure and community.

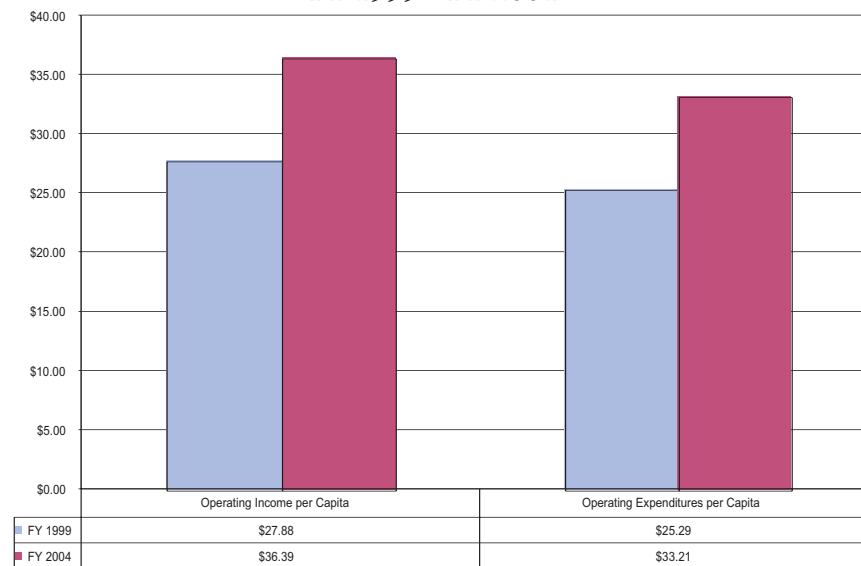
In FY 1999, Michigan public libraries had:

- Automated systems at 75% of the libraries
- 27.9 million items available in their collections
- 1.3 million actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 96% of the libraries
- 4,591 computers available for public use

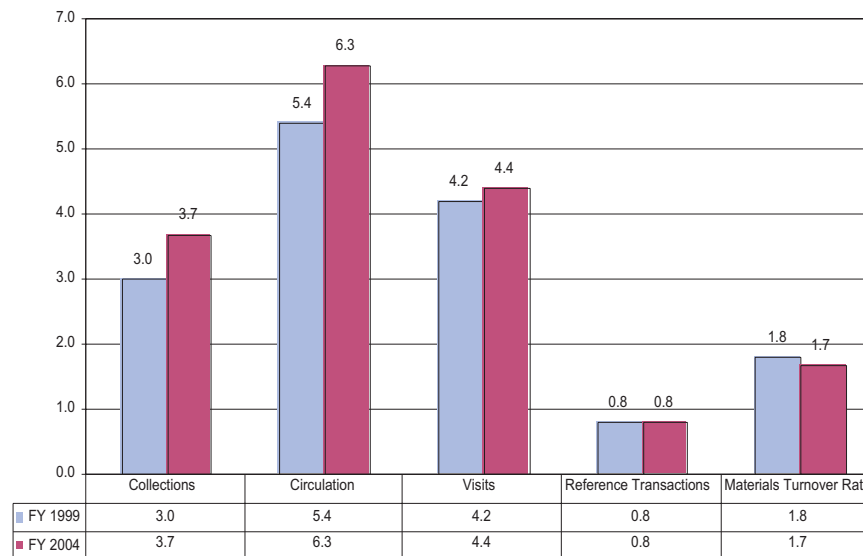
In FY 2004, Michigan public libraries had:

- Automated systems at 90% of the libraries
- 36.3 million items available in their collections
- 1.4 million actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 99% of libraries
- 8,222 computers available for public use

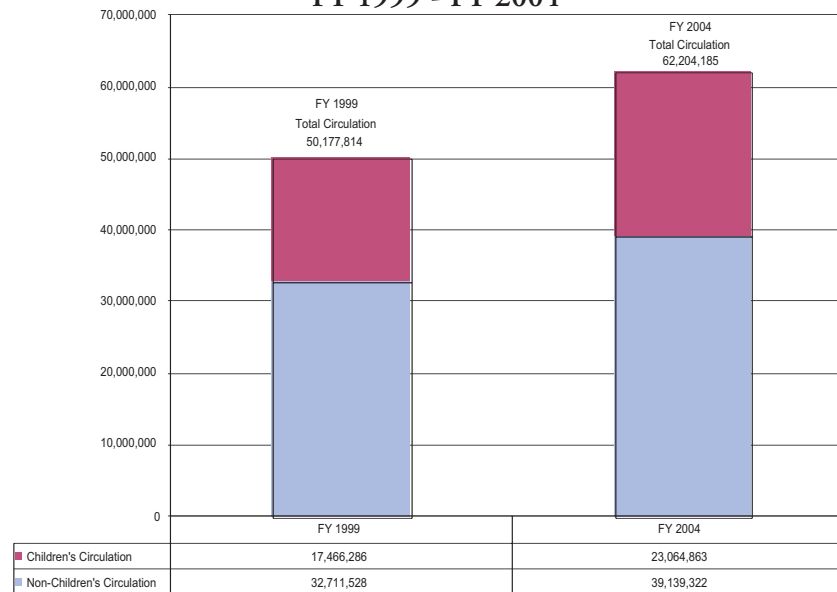
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Library Operating Income and Expenditures Trends
FY 1999 - FY 2004



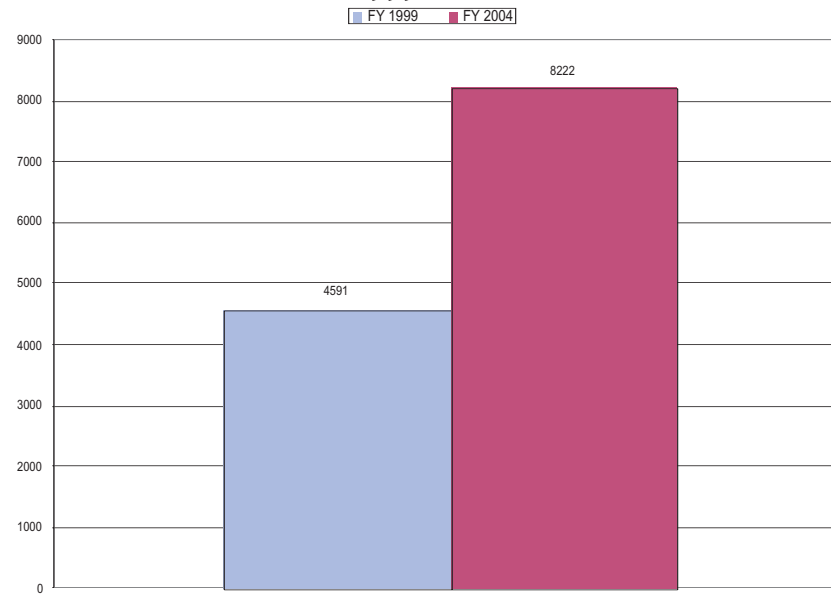
Michigan Library Service Trends FY 1999 - FY 2004



Michigan Circulation Trends FY 1999 - FY 2004



Michigan
Public Access Computers
FY 1999 - FY 2004



Did you know???

In FY 2004, Michigan's public libraries:

- Were open to the public 1,419,524 hours
- Offered more than 51,216 programs to children across the state
- Answered 7.6 million reference questions
- Continued to expand the statewide electronic databases
- Provided Internet access at 99% of libraries
- Had 4.6 million active registered borrowers
- Employed 7927 people, 1537 of which were Full Time Employees with Masters Degrees in Library Science
- Spent over \$40.8 million on their collections, to continue to provide the best information and items of interest.

A day in the life:

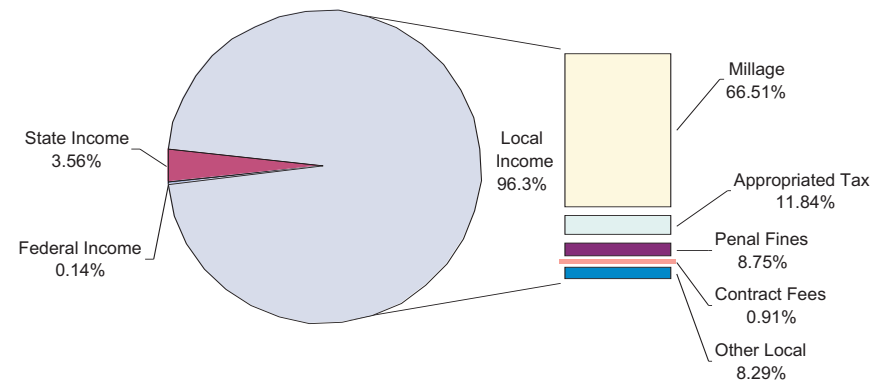
On a typical day, Michigan public libraries:

- Welcome 121,061 people
- Circulate 170,422 items
- Conduct 20,998 reference transactions
- Facilitate 27,178 users of electronic resources



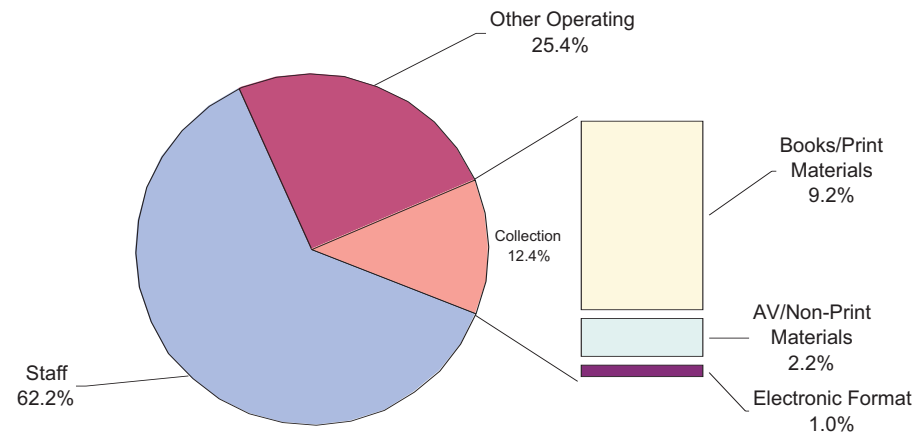
Operating Income by Source FY 2004

Michigan's public libraries received \$361.7 million total operating income, an average of \$36.39 received to provide services for each Michigan resident.

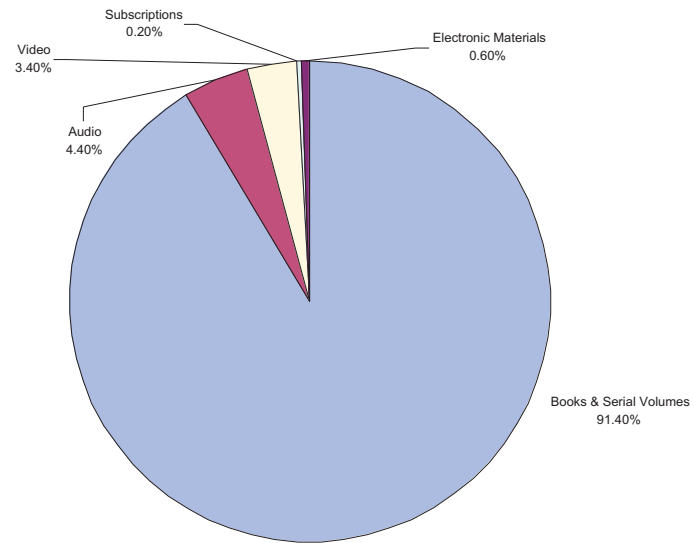


Operating Expenditures FY 2004

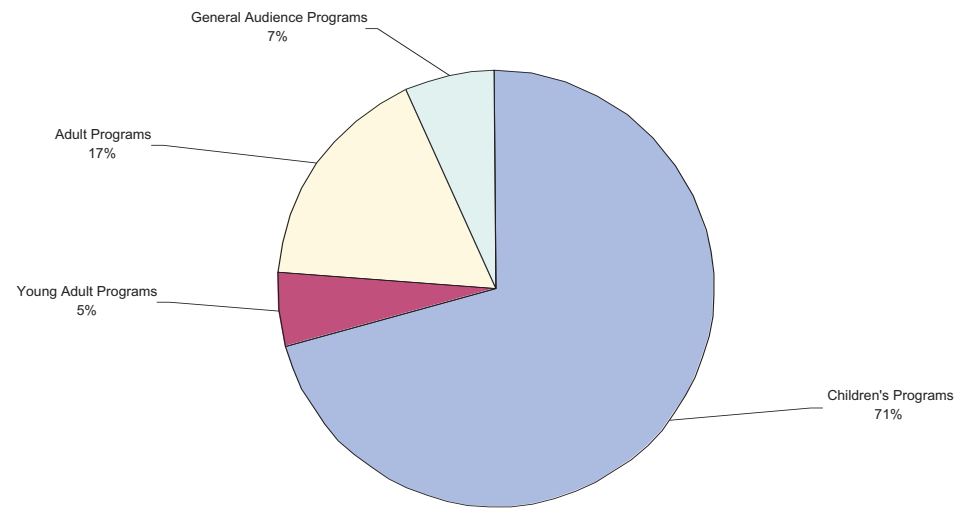
Michigan's public libraries spent \$330 million total operating expenditures, an average of \$33.21 spent to provide services for each Michigan resident, and \$59.5 million total capital expenditures.



**Michigan Public Library Collections
FY 2004**



**Statewide Library Program Attendance
FY 2004**



Michigan Public Libraries

	FY 2003	02-03 % Change	FY 2004	03-04 % Change
Library Service Population	9,938,444	0%	9,938,444	0%
Total Library Visits	42,560,882	3%	44,187,244	4%
Total Library Visits Per Capita	4.3	2%	4.4	2%
Total Circulation	60,260,107	6%	62,204,185	3%
Total Circulation Per Capita	6.1	7%	6.3	3%
Total Collections	35,054,312	2%	36,327,794	4%
Total Collections Per Capita	3.5	3%	3.7	6%
Reference Transactions	7,827,026	-5%	7,664,267	-2%
Reference Transactions Per Capita	0.8	0%	0.8	0%
Operating Income Per Capita	\$34.88	4%	\$36.39	4%
Operating Expenditures Per Capita	\$30.92	4%	\$33.21	7%

Class I – Libraries serving a population of 0-3,999
Number of libraries reporting - 71

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$139,345	\$1,963	\$.74
Local operating income	\$4,612,819	\$64,969	\$24.45
Total operating income	\$4,765,356	\$67,118	\$25.26
Operating expenditures	\$3,878,520	\$54,627	\$20.56
Reference Transactions	81,686	1,151	0.4
Collections	1,193,117	16,804	6.3
Visits	807,302	11,370	4.3
Circulation	1,052,153	14,819	5.6
Number of Public Computers	306	4	

Class II – Libraries serving a population of 4,000-6,999
Number of libraries reporting - 78

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$338,339	\$4,338	\$.80
Local operating income	\$10,609,106	\$136,014	\$25.37
Total operating income	\$10,972,259	\$140,670	\$26.24
Operating expenditures	\$9,483,856	\$121,588	\$22.68
Reference Transactions	177,508	2,276	0.4
Collections	1,894,828	24,293	4.5
Visits	1,692,162	21,694	4
Circulation	2,559,420	32,813	6.1
Number of Public Computers	472	6	

Class III – Libraries serving a population of 7,000-11,999
Number of libraries reporting - 72

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$547,333	\$7,602	\$.81
Local operating income	\$15,353,235	\$213,239	\$22.94
Total operating income	\$15,944,817	\$221,456	\$23.83
Operating expenditures	\$13,991,561	\$194,327	\$20.91
Reference Transactions	344,527	4,785	0.5
Collections	2,599,302	36,101	3.9
Visits	2,985,217	41,461	4.5
Circulation	3,663,283	50,879	5.5
Number of Public Computers	713	10	

Class IV – Libraries serving a population of 12,000-25,999
Number of libraries reporting - 76

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$1,100,942	\$14,486	\$.87
Local operating income	\$41,001,115	\$539,488	\$32.73
Total operating income	\$42,236,185	\$555,739	\$33.72
Operating expenditures	\$37,760,222	\$496,845	\$30.15
Reference Transactions	764,754	10,063	0.6
Collections	4,472,322	58,846	3.6
Visits	5,672,089	74,633	4.5
Circulation	8,059,694	106,049	6.4
Number of Public Computers	1,185	16	

Class V – Libraries serving a population of 26,000-49,999
Number of libraries reporting - 42

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$1,289,471	\$30,702	\$.87
Local operating income	\$55,937,243	\$539,488	\$37.72
Total operating income	\$57,315,815	\$555,739	\$38.66
Operating expenditures	\$52,845,086	\$496,845	\$35.64
Reference	1,299,149	30,932	0.9
Collections	4,982,707	118,636	3.4
Visits	7,345,326	174,889	5
Circulation	10,284,250	244,863	6.9
Number of Public Computers	1,123	27	

Class VI – Libraries serving a population of 50,000 and over
Number of libraries reporting - 41

FY 2004	Total	Average	Per Capita
State operating income	\$9,452,546	\$230,550	\$1.59
Local operating income	\$220,806,410	\$5,385,522	\$37.22
Total operating income	\$230,469,864	\$5,621,216	\$38.85
Operating expenditures	\$212,123,355	\$5,173,740	\$35.76
Reference	4,996,643	121,869	0.8
Collections	21,185,518	516,720	3.6
Visits	25,685,148	626,467	4.3
Circulation	36,585,385	892,326	6.2
Number of Public Computers	4,423	108	



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